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REMARKS

A. Introduction

Claims 1-26 were pending and under consideration in the application. Claims 1-18 stand allowed, while claims 19-26 continue to be rejected.

Claims 19-23 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), and claims 24 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Without conceding to the merits of the rejections, claims 19-26 have been cancelled without prejudice to pursuing such claims or claims of a similar scope in a suitable continuation application.

Accordingly, because the application now only contains allowed claims 1-18, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

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